

THE MERMAID HOUSE
LEBANON, ST. CLAIR CO. ILL.

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
• EDGAR E. LUNDEEN - DISTRICT OFFICER •
CORN BELT BANK BUILDING - BLOOMINGTON ILL.

"THE MERMAID HOUSE"
Lebanon, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Owner. Mr. Fred Campe, Lebanon.

Date of Erection. 1830.

Architect None.

Builder. Lyman Adams.

Present Condition. This building is in ordinary state of preservation, the past few years indicating a lack of proper maintenance. It was originally six feet longer to the west, but that portion now standing is the same as when first built.

Number of Stories. One and one half.

Materials of Construction. Frame with brick foundations, oak log joists uneven and with some bark remaining, pine floors and siding, plaster interior walls and tin roof.

Other existing records. None located.

Additional Data: "Lyman Adams, a retired sea captain, built a hotel here in 1830 and called it the 'Mermaid House'. At this hostelry Charles Dickens was entertained overnight when he visited Lebanon on his way to see "Looking Glass Prairie" in 1846. The building is still standing tho somewhat changed in appearance. It is now a private residence, but the owner is proud to show the room in which Charles Dickens once slept.

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(Approved)

Alger J. Lunden
District Officer

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